(ख) राष्ट्रीय अनुसंधान और प्रशिक्षण परिषद ने यह भी सूचित किया है कि प्राथमिक स्तर की हिन्दी की सभी पुस्तकों का मूल्यांकन प्रगति पर है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Schemes for Child Welfare

1455. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are not paying due attention to certain schemes pertaining to Child Welfare;

(b) what is the role of NIPCCD in formulation and implementation of programmes concerning children;

(c) whether it is a fact that the top posts of NIPCCD have remained vacant for a long time; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT, (KUMARI MAMATA BANLRJEE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The role of National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) in the formulation and implementation of programmes is as under :

(i) To conduct, promote, sponsor and collaborate in research and evaluation studies in Child Development;

(ii) To review programmes for children in the light of the National Policy for Children;

(iii) To review voluntary action in socin' development;

(iv) To organise and sponsor training programme, orientation courses and Workshops/seminars/conferences for personnel in government service and voluntary sector engaged in child development;

(v) To identify problems and needs in the area of child development;

(vi) To advise the Central and State Governments and its agencies, and various other institutions, in the further development and implementation of policies for child development.

(c) There are three top posts in NIPCCD. One is the post of Director and the other two posts of Additional Director. Two posts of Additional Director are filled but the post of Director, NIPCCD is lying vacant since 1st June, 1989. The senior-most Additional Director is holding additional charge of the post of Director.

(d) Vigorous efforts are on to select a person of proven merit for the post of Director. Two interviews have also been held. No suitable person has, however, been found so far. The Government is presently holding consultation with various experts to identify a person of proven merit and siature who will head the Institute.

Crimes against children

1456. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of children being kidnapped and being put to cruel and nefarious use ;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to curb such crimes against children ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to conduct specific survey about the number of children not living with their family members ;

(d) whether Government have given any encouragement to NGOs to participate in